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*Spring 1953*

DEAR CUSTOMER AND FRIEND:

When we think of shipping, we always wish it were possible that you could come to us directly and take home our nice big blooming plants in 2½ or 3-inch pots which we sell locally. It is gratifying to know that thousands of our eager fans have come from long distances and done exactly that. They always enjoy the thrilling sight of thousands of Saintpaulias in bloom. They are usually pleasantly surprised to find such exceptionally sturdy and well developed plants and spend some relaxing moments while admiring and selecting their long desired favorites.

Yet, when it comes to all our friends who like Violets just as much, but simply cannot come because of distance or time, we had no choice but to ship. We cannot ship the larger plants, but we are ready to send the best in 2 inch size. Most of them are well developed, many in bud or bloom. Exceptions are some novelties where we run short because of unusually heavy demand. Then we take the next crop coming up rather than hold up your entire shipment.

Also we have to pick smaller plants on some of the large-leaved types, such as Behnke Boy, Georgia Belle, or Duponts, as they do not ship well if too big. We ship in paper pots, which reduces the breakage of foliage.

Adjustments will be gladly made if something is wrong with your order. Please write immediately upon receipt.

Wonderful comments on the excellent quality of our plants and the perfect condition upon arrival have been pouring in steadily. Therefore, you may order with full confidence, knowing that expert care is taken in shipping.

### DISCOUNTS FOR SHIPPING COLLECTION SPECIALS

Each \$1 Violet.....	Any 7 for \$5.00
Each \$1.50 Violet.....	Any 5 for \$6.00
Each \$1.75 Violet.....	Any 3 for \$4.75
Each \$2.00 Violet.....	Any 3 for \$5.50
Each \$2.50 Violet.....	Any 3 for \$6.50

# SAINTPAULIAS

## OUR SUPERB INTRODUCTIONS

### **ALL AGLOW**

*and*

### **FANTASY GIRL**

Of all the new African Violets, these two alone were featured under NEW HOUSE PLANTS in the January issue of the FLOWER GROWER.

See also "NEW TRENDS IN AFRICAN VIOLETS" by Alma Wright, former President of the African Violet Society, POPULAR GARDENING, September 1952, in which both plants receive prominent space. Registered AVSA.

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**READY FOR SHIPPING AS SOON AS WEATHER  
PERMITS AND PICK-UP AT GREENHOUSE  
APRIL 1st.**

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We take pride and pleasure in presenting Harvey Cox's FINEST PINK, the PINK that surpasses all PINKS IN BRILLIANCE and RICHNESS of coloring.

## *All Aglow*

LUMINOUS CORAL PINK WITH RED-RIMMED EYE.

Proclaimed the darkest deepest pink in existence. Gorgeous large cupped blossoms on tall strong stems. All Aglow became the most talked about of all Violets after just one day of exhibit. We were swamped not ONLY WITH RETAIL BUT WITH WHOLESALE ORDERS FOR LARGE AMOUNTS. Sold out in a few days last fall, All Aglow has not been available since and this is the first large-scale offering EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH US, THE GROWER.

You will be enchanted with its LUSCIOUS FOREST-GREEN "GIRL" foliage and deep rose undercoating. It is a splendid and vigorous bloomer and exceptionally hardy. Each \$2.50, Three for \$6.50

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#### **Introducing also**

OUR OTHER CAPTIVATING NOVELTY, originated by Harvey Cox, like All Aglow propagated and grown exclusively by us.

## *Fantasy Girl*

EXOTIC AND EVERCHANGING, THE MOST GRACEFUL "GIRL" in lavender, splashed, rayed and dotted distinct blue and purple. Eversporting wonderplant. No two of its big cupped blossoms are alike. With its excellent and contrasting "girl" foliage it is an ideal companion to our FANTASY. So easy to grow—sturdy—quick to bloom. Each \$2.50, Three for \$6.50

## NOVELTIES & STANDARD KINDS

**Guaranteed disease and pest free—true to name.**

	Each
<b>ALL AGLOW.</b> No collection complete without it. See Novelties. ....	\$2.50
<b>AZURE BEAUTY.</b> Showy billowy double white with blue patterns. ....	\$1.00
<b>BEHNKE BOY.</b> The Giant of all Violets. Strik- ingly beautiful light blue. Foliage large round, dark velvety. ....	\$1.50
<b>BI-COLOR.</b> True two-tone. Top petals dark lavender, lower petals lighter. ....	\$1.00
<b>BLUE BIRD.</b> Medium to smoky blue. Profuse bloomer. ....	\$1.00
<b>BLUE EYES SUPREME.</b> Good large light blue. ....	\$1.50
<b>BLUE GIRL.</b> Pat. Blue flower, fluted leaves. ....	\$1.00
<b>BLUE SNOW.</b> Showy light blue. Profuse bloomer. ..	\$1.50
<b>BLUE WARRIOR.</b> Old standby. ....	\$1.50
<b>BLUE WONDER.</b> White background overlaid a gorgeous iridescent silvery blue. A dazzler! ....	\$1.50
<b>BRONZE GIRL.</b> Most pleasing lavender bi-color, bronzy foliage. ....	\$1.00
<b>BRUSSEL SPROUTS.</b> Unusual to say the least. ....	\$1.50
<b>CARMEN.</b> A very good burgundy red novelty. ....	\$1.50
<b>DELIGHT.</b> Powder blue double. Dark, smooth leaves. ....	\$1.50
<b>DOUBLE FRINGED WHITE.</b> Very lovely. ....	\$1.50
<b>DOUBLE MARGARET.</b> Deep purplish blue, double. ....	\$1.00
<b>DOUBLE ROSE.</b> Loveliest double white with deli- cate orchid-pink edge. ....	\$1.50
<b>DUPONT BLUE.</b> Violet blue. Old favorite. ....	\$1.00
<b>DUPONT LAVENDER PINK.</b> Elegant lilac. ....	\$1.00
<b>EVENING SUNSET.</b> Iridescent blue with pink. ....	\$2.50
<b>FANTASY GIRL.</b> Couldn't be any prettier. Large round blooms. It simply grows on you. See front page. ....	\$2.50

<b>FANTASY.</b> Among all the favorites, our Fantasy's place is still on the top. Lavender pink background splashed, rayed and dotted with contrasting deep purple. Every Fantasy is shipped in bloom, assuring you of our own vivid re-select strain. ....	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>GEORGIA BELLE.</b> Gay and rich two-tone orchid-lavender. Spoon shaped foliage. Often red undercoating. ....	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>GRAND LADY.</b> Deep heliotrope, two-tone.....	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>GROTEI.</b> The astonishing Violet that climbs and can be treated like a vine. Small pale blue blossoms. It's more odd than pretty.....	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>HEAVENLY BLUE.</b> Clear Chinese blue. Good....	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>HELEN WILSON.</b> Double purple.....	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>INDIANOLA.</b> Almost red foliage. Orchid blooms.	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>INNOCENCE.</b> Dainty white. Contrasting reddish leaves. ....	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>LADY CONSTANCE.</b> Our choice for the most beautiful Violet. Glorious extremely large deep purple blossoms. Lush green foliage.....	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>MENTOR BOY IMPROVED.</b> Velvety purple. Good bloomer. ....	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>OAKLEAF.</b> Shaped similar to an oakleaf. Light blue. Good. ....	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>ORCHID BEAUTY.</b> Lovely plum or reddish purple.	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>OPAL GIRL.</b> Delightful orchid-lavender. Profuse and sturdy bloomer.....	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>ORCHID GIRL DOUBLE.</b> The most precious orchid double one can imagine. Elegant girl foliage. Really good. ....	<b>\$1.50</b>
<b>ORCHID WONDER.</b> Deep orchid to lavender bi-color. Huge blossoms and so easy to bloom.	<b>\$1.00</b>

**Take advantage of our  
SPECIAL GIFT OFFER:**

**A \$1 Violet Free—**

**Your Choice — with any \$10 order**

## *Our Own Brilliant New*

### **PINK FANTASY**

Registered AVSA. Nationally advertised and featured in Flower Grower, Home Garden, Popular Gardening.

Large glowing pink blossoms, shaded an intense cerise-red glowing even deeper at the throat. Tall and erect they stand above deep green foliage. A striking color contrast. You will love this exquisite deep pink sport of our famous Fantasy. Blooms just as freely as Fantasy making the most delightful companion.

Each \$1.50

- PAINTED GIRL.** Exquisite novelty—the star in any collection. Glistening snowy white blossoms, edged in orchid. Some blushing all over, yet returning to their original color, scheme of a white with an orchid band. So lovely to look at ..... \$1.50
- PERIWINKLE.** A good light blue..... \$1.00
- PINKIE.** Good clear pink, serrated leaf..... \$1.00
- PINK DELIGHT.** Shiny light clear pink, contrasting dark bronzy foliage. .... \$1.50
- RED PRINCESS.** This is our scoop for the best red in 1952. Hold it up against the light and we guarantee you, it does not have a purple pigment in it. .... \$1.50
- REDHEAD GIRL.** Reddish-orchid..... \$1.00
- RED KING.** Luxurious wine red. .... \$1.00
- RED VELVET.** Darkest richest burgundy red. .... \$1.50
- ROSE MARIE.** Radiant old rose blooms, devoid of purple overtones. Good. .... \$1.00
- ROSE PURPLE.** Old dependable. Rosy-hued purple. \$1.00
- RUFFLED QUEEN.** Unique true ruffled blooms, reddish-violet. Huge splendid foliage. .... \$2.50
- SAILOR'S DELIGHT.** The outstanding double novelty of last year. Lovely light blue blossoms, the graceful Sailor Girl transformed into a pleasing double and blooming just as profusely. .... \$1.50
- SAILOR GIRL.** No matter how many new thrillers, we safely predict Sailor Girl will always remain a favorite. Cheerful and sparkling, it is hardly ever without its either light or medium blue blossoms. .... \$1.00
- SEA GIRL.** If it were named Lorelei, it could not be more of a charmer. A double of richest indigo blue, it is alluringly shaped like a little rose. You will adore it. .... \$1.50



- SNOW GIRL.** As a true "Snow-white" it deserves a good place. Its loveliness reminds us of the first Snowdrops. .... **\$1.50**
- SNOW PRINCE.** Not a Prince but the King of all the whites. Large glistening snow white blossoms on sturdy dark green foliage, it is one of the hardiest whites and we have discontinued several other whites in its favor. A Prize winner, surely! .... **\$1.00**
- STAR SAPPHIRE.** Unique star shaped, deep blue blooms. .... **\$1.50**
- VELVET GIRL.** Will steal the show anywhere. It's different. The most enchanting pansy-like blossoms, so large and velvety orchid, dipped burgundy red. We recommend it highly. .... **\$1.50**
- VIOLET BEAUTY.** Light true violet. Good. .... **\$1.00**
- WESTCOAST AMETHYST.** Lavender. Wonderful bloomer. Dark green crested leaf. .... **\$1.00**
- YELLOW BROWN GIRL.** It is not yellow, but it certainly has an orange tint and a brown cast. No replacement on this one. We did not name it. .... **\$2.00**
- Maryland residents please add 2% sales tax.

## SUPPLIES

- VHPF** (Pronounced VIP) Millers Plant Food. Excellent for Violets.  
 1 pound can (makes 16 gallons solution) ..... **60c**  
 if ordered singly ..... **85c**
- ATLAS FERTILIZER EMULSION.** A complete organic Plant Food for all plants, but especially good for Saintpaulias. Feed once a month.  
 4 oz. bottle (makes 24 gallons.) ..... **35c**  
 if ordered singly ..... **75c**
- OPTOX.** A dependable insecticide, containing Rotenone and Pyrethrum. Safe, yet effective when it comes to control of such insects as Aphids, Thrips, Mealy Bug, Red Spiders, White Fly, Spring Tails, etc. Use as a spray, dilute according to directions.  
 1 oz. bottle **50c** (with Violet order)  
 if ordered singly ..... **85c**
- KAPSULATE.** Sodium Selenate (spells death to Mite) in Capsules. Just place in soil—will dissolve through watering. Controls MITE and other insects on Violets and various plants.  
 Careful, poisonous.  
 12 capsules per packet. **50c** with violet order, otherwise ..... **75c**
- ALUMINUM WINDOW TRAYS.** Exceptionally handy, sturdy light weight—green. Fits any window sill. To provide the necessary humidity, fill with pebbles, or vermiculite, or sand. Keep constant water level. Holds from 4 to 6 Violets. .... **\$2.20**

# **IMPORTANT—SHIPPING SERVICE**

*Please Read This Carefully*

We shall start shipping in April, weather permitting. Middle West and West after April 15th, depending on weather conditions.

Please add 50c for Shipping per order.

No C.O.D.'s

NOT LESS THAN \$2 IN PLANTS SHIPPED

ALL PARCELS GO SPECIAL HANDLING

## **A TIP!**

**Grow them under fluorescent lights. You will be amazed at the results. Better plants, many, many more blooms. Old standard: 2 40-watt tubes—better yet, 2 85-watt tubes—12 inches above pot rims. 12 to 18 hours per day. TRY IT!**

While visiting our beautiful Washington, be sure to stop in at our place. We are located directly on the Washington-Baltimore Boulevard at Beltsville, just 4½ miles north of the University of Maryland. You can't miss it. We would be delighted to have you browse around and we are sure you will find it well worth your while. All the varieties listed here are usually available including some not listed. Prices are similar though not always the same.

***If you can come yourself***

***A Greenhouse Gift for You!***

**ONE FREE with THREE**

**Value \$1.00 — your choice**



***Expert Shipping***

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*Just 4½ miles north of Univ. of Md., directly on U. S.  
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accent on Quality***